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MILES COPELAND INTERVIEW

INTERVIEWER: We've been hearing a lot of talk lately about the CIA. Now I can remember a time when it was just a jumble of letters, similar to KGB, if you talked Russian, or if you prefer the French language, SDECE.

My next guest knows how to read between all those letters, for better or for worse. And he's written a book about them. It's no secret that the book is called "Without Cloak and Dagger," and his name is Miles Copeland. Hello, Miles.

MILES COPELAND: Hello.

INTERVIEWER: Now first of all, Miles, I want to know, did you have anything to do with bugging that call to Jack Anderson.

COPELAND: Bug Jack Anderson? I'd have to be out of my mind! I'll bug anybody, I'll bug the President of the United States, but Jack Anderson...

INTERVIEWER: We've got that all set now, that you had nothing to do with it.

COPELAND: I'm glad you gave me the opportunity to...

INTERVIEWER: I think everybody would -- Miles, were you surprised at the President's announcement last night that he asked the CIA to stop the FBI's investigation of Watergate?

COPELAND: I don't think it really matters, because I don't think the CIA can be induced in any way to carry out an illegal act. Because one thing, you can say all sorts of nasty things about the CIA, if you like - a lot of nasty things are thought about it - but they made a sharp distinction between President